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THE FEDERAL CANDIDATE WILL NOT SPEAK HIMSELF, LET THE RECORDS SPEAK FOR HIM.

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GEN. HARRISON, who Governor of Indiana Territory, approved a law passed by the Legislature, to SELL

FOR FINE OR COAT. The same law decreed the

ishment of THIRTY-NINE STRIPES, to be inflicted

upon any person who should assault from any

REHABER. Reader—how do you like this specimen

of a law? It is a law which, in addition to the

usual punishment, in the Ohio case, and even

more than that for the law specifically includes WOMEN

as well as men to be WHIPPED to full THIRTY-NINE

STRIPES.

HARRISON'S DEMOC-

RATIC FRANCHISE.

It is therefore enacted,

That every free male, inhab-

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being of the age of 21 years

shall be entitled to the vote

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OLD ORANGE!

Ready? Have you done all that can be done? Are the towns all supplied with votes? Have you seen every body that it will do any good to see? Do the people all understand the issue? Do they know that when they vote for Horace Everett they vote for an old federalist? Do they know that Everett has been in Congress TWELVE YEARS, and asks the privilege of retaining his seat FOURTEEN? Do they know that he agreed four years ago to stand once, and then give the place to a young man? Do they know that he has held the office so long that—as almost any one else would be—he has become inefficient and careless about the business of Congress? Do they know that his opponent, Gen. Ransom, is a young and vigorous man. A man, who, by his own unassisted exertions, has risen to competence and influence? That he digs in the soil for his living—that he has been a democrat from his cradle? That he has been put in nomination by the PEOPLE and not by CON-SUL JARVIS? Do they know all these?

Boys of Old Orange! the fate of the third district is in your hands! It is for you to say whether an old federalist or a democrat shall represent the district in Congress? Strike home then, for once. Rally! rally! from every hill—from every vale—from your work shops, your fields and your fire-side. Old men come out! Young men come out! Strike! strike! Bradford and Newbury. Orange and Topsham: none! Forward in order! Strike! strike! Brookfield and Williamstown. Randolph! the few are agitated in disorder! Brimstone and Washington, Thetford and Stratford, and Chelsea give 'em the signal for battle! Corinth and Vershire—ho! Thunbridge and Fairlee too. Let the foe hear now, your loco ball rattle!

CHARGE—All together—now then! now! Strike! strike! &c.

The last Gun.

Freemen of the 3d district! Are you ready? Is there anything more that you can do for the election of Truman B. Ransom? If there is—do it and stop not till it is done. We have said all that perhaps is necessary to be said on the subject. We have given you the history of Mr. Everett's actions during the last war. We have shown from his votes then and his votes last winter, that he is in favor of the monarchical notions of the old federal school. We have shown you that he has disregarded your will, misrepresented your wishes and interests. We have shown you what are his views upon the great Bank reform spirit of the day. He has voted to give the banks the peoples money to use for "banking purposes." He has voted to give Mr. Biddle the power to reissue the notes of a bank whose charter had expired. We have shown you that Horace Everett has for a long time been honored by you with an election to Congress, and has not regarded that honor by taking any active part in the business of congress. We think it is time for the 3d district to be heard in congress. Truman B. Ransom, has been selected as a candidate to oppose Mr. Everett. He has shown you that Mr. Ransom has held many important offices that he has discharged the duties of all, with distinguished ability. We have shown you that in his younger days he was an ardent friend of freedom. He has shown you his views of the banking reform. We have shown you that he advocates—free competition and no monopoly and ample security to the bill-holder. Mr. Ransom is the man the people should honor, let us hope he is the man they will honor.

The battle is at hand! are all ready? It will be a warm one, there'll be no chance for running. It must be fought bravely through, like the battles men fight when their liberties are at stake. Are you all ready? If not, if there is a soldier of democracy, who is behind hand, now or never, begin to be ready. Ten thousand things are to be done. Call on that old soldier, who has bleached his locks in the battles for the constitution, and who may have grown discouraged, tell him one more struggle is at hand and that there is hope while there is life. Tell him that the young soldiers will do the fighting, but that he must come out on the day and look on. His gray locks will be like a banner of freedom to cheer us on to the charge. Tell him he must come out, & tell his children how he fought, when the strength of his right arm was nerved in the battles of his country. See that lake-warm neighbor, tell him that if he values his liberty to be up and doing with all his might, and not fail to be at the polls on Tuesday. Perhaps there may be a man somewhere who does not like the democratic candidate, tell him that the struggle is for "principles not men."

On the part of the old democrats let there be neither a fear nor a falter. Let them come to the polls as they came when they supported Galusha, with a steady and unwavering determination to elect their candidate. In the western and southern states the late elections have been fought by our friends the Constitutional Treasury ground. Our friends have triumphed, gloriously triumphed. On that ground the democratic party are contending in Vermont. Every man to the rescue then, waver not, hesitate not, flatter not, as you value your liberty, your country and your oath.

"RICH AND WELL BORN"

The old federalist used to contend that the "rich and well born"—the "gentlemen"—in contradistinction to the "simplices"—ought to have a permanent share in the government and should always be selected as rulers. This doctrine, because so obvious that modern federalists, while they have practiced upon it, have not dared to express it openly before the people. Mr. Senator Preston, however, has recently thrown off the mask and has come out with the old doctrine in substance, in his efforts to put down Mr. Van Buren. In his recent Richmond speech he says—

He believed in BLOOD—and that Clay was of NOBLE BLOOD—that Van Buren was descended from a SCRUB!

Who can mistake the meaning of this? Mr. Van Buren was of humble origin—of poor parents—was not a descendant of the "rich and well born"—"was not of noble blood"—and should not therefore, be supported by the people for President! But Mr. Clay and Gen. Harrison being descended from old Virginia families—of high blood—should for that reason be preferred to him who come from a scrub! Can any thing be more insufferably impudent! Carry out this principle and how long would it be before we should have a hereditary aristocracy.

Hear This!

We have seen some men station themselves at the ballot box, on the day of election, to overawe poor men who may happen to be in debt to them. Do not allow this! Let every man have a chance to vote as he wishes

"Unawed by influence and unbribed by gain."

DO N'T

Scatter after the first fire for town representative, unless by previous agreement. Stand by your man. There were seven ties in the town of Westford last year. Tie a thousand times before you leave the ground, or fall off—and then do n't.

BULLIES!

Look out for hired bullies who will be stationed about the ballot boxes. Stand square up to them! The ballot box belongs to the PEOPLE and not to the BANKS! Meet these desperadoes on their own ground if they wish. Keep the box free!

Be careful!

And see that the ballot box is empty when the voting commences. Do not neglect this. There is more in it than you think for. The most outrageous frauds have been committed on the ballot box by the federalists this year. Look out for them! They will do any thing to carry their points. Again: we caution you to see to this thing.

"The great point to be established, by the many lips of the Van Buren presses is, that banks are of federal origin; that they are the contrivance of the federalists of former days and that the whig party is really the old federal party and have, as that party multiplied and perpetuated these institutions."—Federal Paper.

Not exactly. It will not take a moment to show that the paper money system is of federal origin, nor can it be denied, but that, in its prosperous days many well-meaning democrats were honestly induced to favor and did favor it. But now, that the evils of that system are apparent, the question is, which party endeavors to uphold and perpetuate it. That is the question, and we need not add one word to show that it is the federal party who are in favor of the present banking system & that it is the democratic party who are endeavoring to reform that system. Reference to the Journals of the Legislature for the last few years, will show that the entire democratic party have voted for reform, while the federal party have steadily and obstinately opposed it.

It is now generally conceded that the banking system is an evil. Who uphold it? It is not so much, who erroneously bring an evil upon community, as who after the evil is seen, continue to sustain it.—Men may honestly do wrong, but good men atone for their errors by endeavoring to remedy the evils they have brought upon the community. Do the federalists show a desire to atone for the evils of their erroneous legislation? Yes, by doing all in their power to entail upon the State a system of swindling, of partial legislation that has debilitated the energies of the State—prostrated business—begotten paupers—sucked the life-blood out of the laboring classes—created a State debt of almost TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS—lost to the State in stock, FOUR MILLIONS, and run the people in debt to the banks more than TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. That is what the crafty nobsycrophs have done. Where are the MILLIONS of dollars in stock that have been exported? Where are the nearly SEVEN MILLIONS of dollars which have been taken from the pockets of the people by becoming indebted to the banks, by the exportation of capital by foreign capitalists, by stealing the school fund, and by compelling them to pay toll on their turnpikes and bridges? Where are our young men? where is the farmers cattle, his sheep, his butter, his cheese? In the hands of the speculator, at one half their value.

What! how long is this oligarchy to suck the life of the people, as the cat is said to, the breath of the sleeping child? How long must my old grey-headed father bleach his locks in the storms of winter, and toil in the rains and heat of summer, that you and your effeminate, smooth chined and debauched son may loll in ease and luxury upon your silken sofas? How long must my mother and my sister toil when they should sleep, go hungry when they should eat, wear their hands and deform their persons, that the haughty daughters of a tyrannical aristocracy may be decked out in the trappings and gewgaws and ensigns of royalty! Let not the enemies of the people—a reckless band of mercenary wretches—let them not mistake us, we have been BEASTS long enough. But the yoke is shaken—persecution has provoked to love, and united the people against LEGISLATIVE DESPOTISM.

Sleepy!

If you get sleepy some time along about 12 o'clock Tuesday night, fly round the faster to keep yourselves awake! Napoleon's great General, Kleber, in some of his long and bloody battles used to lie down by his cannon and sleep. If you can't keep your eyes open, lie down by the ballot box—but on your lives don't you leave it—not a man of you! The contest is of too much importance.

"A HARD MONEY CURRENCY."

The federal papers in this State are again endeavoring to fasten upon the Bank Reform party whatever odium they think there is in the cry of "a hard money currency."

It is most singular how inconsistent some of our federal friends will be. They are continually heaping approbrious epithets upon Mr. Van Buren because he says the Government should be compelled to take nothing but specie for its dues; in other words nothing but specie shall be lawful tender to the Government. Is any thing but specie legal tender in this State? Why is it? Why is it that individuals, by law, are not compelled to receive anything but specie for their dues? Are there no good reasons for this? To be sure there are, and the law, wisely, as all will admit, gives every individual the right to demand specie for the payment of his dues. Shall not then the Government be placed on the same footing with individuals in this respect? Shall Congress say, that nothing but gold and silver shall be lawful tender to an individual, and paper shall be lawful tender to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Government dues? Shall a private citizen have his property secured by law, and the same security be denied to the Government? Shall a private citizen have the right, by law, for his own safety, to demand gold and silver for his dues, and the Government be denied the same right? Let any honest man answer these questions for himself. The truth is, the great cry of the federal party about a hard money currency, amounts to nothing more than this—The democratic party say, place the Government on the same footing with private citizens; give the Government the right to demand specie in payment for its dues, as the law does individuals. Is there any thing wrong or terrible in this?

But, say the Bank papers, if Congress give the Government a right to demand specie for its dues, it will ruin the Banks! Does the law, giving every individual of this State a right to demand specie for their dues, affect the Banks? No: a law passed by Congress giving the Secretary of the Treasury the same right in his official capacity, will affect the Banks just as much and no more.

A WORD IN YOUR EAR.

Vote against Truman B. Ransom and you vote to encourage the present wicked system of banking—you vote to create corporations responsible to no earthly power—you vote to entail upon your posterity a system as rapacious and tyrannical as the old Spanish Inquisition—

IT IS A FACT.

DEMOCRATS.

BE AT THE POLLS.

Never mind if it rains or snow or hail, BE AT THE POLLS:

at least two hours before they are open. Talk to your friends. Talk to the federalists. Tell them the truth.

Be on Hand!

Look out for the rest:

If there be a democrat missing Start out after him!

Perhaps he is very busy and don't know how to spare the time to go a few miles and vote. Send him along and

Work for him yourself.

Do any thing that is fair and honorable to Get out the voters.

MIND that you don't get the wrong vote shuffled into your hands—that you vote before the box is turned and above all—mind that

not a vote be lost.

UNMITIGATED & UNPARDONABLE FALSEHOOD.

"The proposition for the standing army of 200,000, endorsed and recommended by the Executive, in his last annual message, was a feeling of the pulse."—Hudson Times.

What opinion must the people form of a party who boldly put forth such falsehoods, barefaced and reckless, as the one contained in the article quoted from the Times.

Mr. Van Buren has declared in a letter to the people of Elizabeth, Va. that Mr. Poinsett's plan for re-organizing the militia, was not submitted to Congress till three weeks after his annual message—that he never saw it—was never consulted about it—did not know what it was—that he disapproved it, and does not think it constitutional; and yet, oh shame! shame! the federalists still declare that he endorsed and recommended Mr. Poinsett's plan. What next? in the name of all respect for the truth, what next?

Don't Forget,

That Horace Everett opposed the last war.

Don't forget that on all occasions, then, and since, he has uniformly used all his influence to trammel and hinder the Government when she has endeavored to raise troops or appropriate money for the defence of the national honor and the protection of the national territory.

Don't forget that but a little more than a year since, when we all expected a war with Great Britain, HE VOTED AGAINST AN APPROPRIATION BY CONGRESS TO PUT THE FRONTIER IN A STATE OF DEFENCE!!!

Don't forget, that he voted to re-charter the Banks of the District of Columbia on the old irresponsible system—that he is dently opposed to the reform in the banking system which the people of this State have been endeavoring to bring about.

Don't forget, that he has openly declared that we must have a NOBILITY in this country.

Don't forget, that he was the editor of the WASHINGTONIAN.

Don't forget, that he was Secretary to a Washington Benevolent Society.

Don't forget, that he was the bosom-friend and adviser of John Henry.

Do n't forget, that HE SUNK A CANNON IN HIS CISTERN TO PREVENT THE DEMOCRATS OF WINDSOR FROM FIRING IT IN HONOR OF PERRY'S VICTORY!!

Do n't forget, that he has been in Congress TWELVE years and now asks to be elected FOURTEEN; while he is advocating but ONE Presidential term!

Do n't forget, old Republicans! don't forget, that he is playing the same game with you now that he has played upon you since 1828; pretending that he is not an old federalist to catch your votes, while by his federalism he secures all the Washingtonians, and thus gains his election.

HORACE EVERETT

Voted against an appropriation by Congress for the defence of the frontier!

HORACE EVERETT

Is in favor of the old Banking system.

ONE VOTE

Elected Morton last year! One vote may elect Dillingham. One vote may elect Ransom.

Town Committees!

See that not one single vote is lost.—Have teams in readiness to bring in those who may be dilatory.

Stay!

At the town meeting till the matter of town representative is settled. Don't run the first fire! Stick to it all the afternoon; all night if necessary. Don't desert! Let the women-folks and boys do the chores. Fight it out manfully!

We Say,

Go along to the polls with that man and see that the federalists do not change his votes!

MR EVERETT AND THE NOTES OF THE OLD U. S. BANK.

We respectfully beg attention to this subject for a few moments.

It will be recollected that the charter of the late Bank of the United States, expired by limitation, on the 3d of March 1833. After that day it could issue no notes, and discount no new paper. It was permitted, for two years, merely—to use its corporate name and capacity for the purpose of a final settlement of its concerns, BUT NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE WHATSOEVER. Its charter directed that all the affairs of the bank should be wound up by its President and directors. It had no power to consign this business to others.—

On the 2nd day of March 1839, the President and directors assigned all the effects of the old Bank to the Pennsylvania Bank of the United States.—The latter Bank accepted the assignment and agreed to satisfy all its debts, fulfill its contracts &c.

It had thus become a trustee of the old Bank and was bound to wind up its concerns precisely as the President and directors of the old Bank were by their charter, required to do, before they had transferred their account to the new bank. No one will say but that the new bank ought to have destroyed all the bills of the old bank which it found in its possession on the 4th of March 1839, and ought to have redeemed the remainder at its counter. No one will deny this.—But the new bank, disregarding all the obligations of the old Bank which it had pledged itself to satisfy, not only made use of those bills of the old bank which were still in circulation but issued those which had been redeemed before it accepted the assignment! It seized upon more than sixteen millions of dead notes of the old bank. The fraudulency of these proceedings no man living can deny.

After this new bank had for some time reissued, the notes of the old bank, utterly disregarding all law and honesty, a bill was introduced in the Senate to prevent the reissue of the notes of the old by the new bank, against the passage of which there only eight votes.

The bill was sent to the house and on passage [HORACE EVERETT] voted in the negative.

Now to the freemen of this district this vote of Horace Everett is of vast importance. We have shown by the Journals of the H. of R. that he voted to sustain Mr. Biddle in a plain and barefaced fraud. The faith of the Government was pledged to redeem the bills of the old bank if Mr. Biddle did not—and his continuing to issue the notes of the old bank after his charter had expired, was an imposition of the grossest kind, for which a private individual would have been indictable for swindling. Horace Everett voted to sustain Mr. Biddle in his fraud.

COME!

Old Republicans of the 3d district, arouse yourselves once, before you leave us, and help the young men redeem the district. They are doing all they can, but cannot do it all. Will you help them? Turn out once more on the day of election, and cast your vote for Gen. Ransom, a firm and unwavering Jeffersonian democrat. Vote as you used to vote, before you had been decoyed from your old ground, into the support of a war federalist. Do that, so shall your children honor and bless you, and you feel that you have discharged your duty to your country and to your conscience.

RUNNERS,

Electioneering for Everett is out in all parts of the district. All the leading federalists of the last war are exerting themselves to the utmost to secure his re-election. Let the democrats be vigilant, not be active and untiring in their efforts to counteract them. Let them give the people the truth—the light. That is all they want, all. Let them have it!

Old Republicans, do you hear that?

An old Revolutionary pensioner in Plymouth said the other day, that he had been led by the old war Tories long enough. He had supported Everett twelve years. He should do it no longer. There are hundreds of the old democrats who feel just so. An old democrat voting for an old federalist!

WILL

The old democrats tell us what they used to think of Horace Everett during the last war—and how it happens, that not having changed, they are going to vote for him now? They were Madisonian democrats. He was a Tory, opposed to Madison, opposed to the war. How can they support him?

Gen. Ransom,

Has been for years the able and indefatigable FRIEND of the Militia.

Horace Everett,

Has been for years the bitter and indefatigable ENEMY of the Militia.

The Mass Meetings,

At Bridgewater, Barnard, Plymouth, Springfield and Royalton were attended by numbers unknown in the annals of the democratic party in the county. An enthusiasm never before known is up. Its effects will be seen at the ballot box.

Mr. DILLINGHAM has won golden opinions in the county. His calm, candid and courteous manner of speaking has pleased all, while his treatment of the great topics of political discussion has done much to dissipate the people of the errors and prejudices they had imbibed.

PLYMOUTH,

The mass meeting at Plymouth was one of great interest. Mr. Dillingham spoke excellently.—Numbers, we believe, were induced to think quite differently of the ruinous measures of the Administration than they have been accustomed to do. The cause is gaining—forward boys! We imagine that the old republicans of Plymouth have voted for an old federalist to represent them in Congress as long as they think it beneficial to their interests.

MORE OF IT!

Anderson G. Dana, one of the "whig" candidates for the Senate in Rutland county, was a member of a Washington Benevolent Society, and during the war, raised a five starred flag with the British Lion on it in the village of Brandon.

What do the old Republicans say to that? and what the "whig" papers which declare that their leaders were not old federalists?

OLD REPUBLICANS! READ THIS!

We call attention to the following communication from the Vt. Republican, of August 14, 1820. It was written, as will be seen, when Mr. Everett was the candidate of the federalists in that year. The article seems to have been written expressly for the present occasion. Now, as then, "Mr. Everett's friends are extremely eager that party distinctions should be abandoned." Now, as then, "their only hope rests upon this article." In 1820, this article did not succeed. It did in 1828, and has succeeded ever since. It now remains to be seen if it succeed again.

He beg of the old democrats to weigh this subject well before they cast their votes for Horace Everett.

In the Vermont Journal of the 31st ult., there is an attempt made to propagate a belief that party distinctions were wholly abolished—that great numbers of the country have become amalgamated—that the same motives and the same objects impel each to action. Does any one here wish to point this limitation upon an enlightened public? The resolution of past times is still too vivid in the minds of Republicans to admit of such credulity. Time has not yet obliterated the scars which our common country has experienced from the transfer of power into the hands of federalists to admit of such credulity. Time has not yet obliterated the scars which our common country has experienced from the transfer of power into the hands of federalists to admit of such credulity. Time has not yet obliterated the scars which our common country has experienced from the transfer of power into the hands of federalists to admit of such credulity.

These remarks are not the offspring of political influence. They are not made to raise the demagogic spirit of party from its grateful slumbers. No one is more disposed than I am to minimize disputes in this terrible domain. They are called for by the article alluded to in the Journals and the nomination which that article accompanies. The object of the remarks in the Journal is very obviously to aid the election of Mr. Everett to Congress